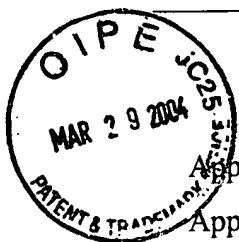


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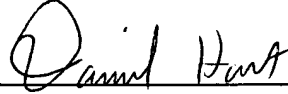
- (X) Amendment and Response to Office Action in 13 pages.
- (X) Copy of Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated March 1, 2004.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003, and Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 1, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.